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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 MICHELLE LYNN BURNELL,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD &
14 SMITH LLP, et al.,

15 Defendants.

CASE NO. C22-0265JLR

ORDER

16 Before the court is Plaintiff Michelle Lynn Burnell's motion for appointment of
17 counsel.¹ (Mot. (Dkt. # 9); Am. Counsel Mot. (Dkt. # 7).) On March 21, 2022, pursuant
18 to the Western District of Washington's plan for court-appointed representation, the court
19 concluded that Ms. Burnell had demonstrated an adequate basis to refer her case to the
20 Pro Bono Screening Committee. (*See* 3/21/22 Order (Dkt. # 11) (citing General Order
21 No. 16-20, Section 3(c) (Dec. 8, 2020)).) The Screening Committee informed the court

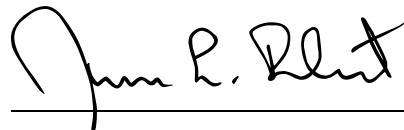
22 ¹ Ms. Burnell is proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*. (3/7/22 Order (Dkt. # 3).)

1 that the information it was provided—including, among other things, Ms. Burnell’s
2 complaint and EEOC file—is not sufficient to make a determination about whether
3 counsel should be appointed in this matter.²

4 There is no constitutional right to counsel in a civil case. *Adir Int’l, LLC v. Starr*
5 *Indem. & Liab. Co.*, 994 F.3d 1032, 1038-39 (9th Cir. 2021). Without the Screening
6 Committee’s recommendation to appoint counsel pursuant to this District’s plan for
7 court-appointed representation of civil rights litigants, the court declines to do so.
8 Accordingly, the court DENIES Ms. Burnell’s motion (Dkts. ## 7, 9).

9 The court emphasizes that Ms. Burnell is now responsible for pursuing this case
10 without the assistance of counsel. Materials to assist *pro se* litigants are available on the
11 United States District Court for the Western District of Washington’s website. Although
12 the court can afford some leeway to a *pro se* litigant, Ms. Burnell is responsible for
13 complying with case deadlines, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Western
14 District of Washington’s Local Rules, which can also be found on the Western District of
15 Washington’s website.

16 Dated this 31st day of May, 2022.

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19 JAMES L. ROBART
20 United States District Judge

21 ² Although Ms. Burnell stated in her complaint that she would file an amended complaint
22 that more fully sets forth the facts underlying her claims (*see* Compl. (Dkt. # 4) at 4), she has not
yet done so (*see generally* Dkt.).